



Be a part of our Junior College Football team ... the St George Eagles ... start achieving your goal of playing Major College Football today!

ST. GEORGE, Utah -- There's a new team, and a great new opportunity for potential college football players, coming to town.

The St. George Eagles, under the auspices of USA Collegiate, will be the first privately funded junior college football team in Utah and will soon take flight. This new junior college team is now being launched and will soon begin preparing for its inaugural season in the Fall of 2023.

The Eagles' head coach is Greg Croshaw, who compiled an overall record of 214-56-1 during his 24 seasons as the head coach at Dixie Junior College from 1982-2005. His teams won 17 conference titles, was the national J.C. runner-up twice, and never had a losing season.

"I can't wait to get the ball rolling on this new team," Croshaw said. "I loved my many years spent coaching at the junior college level, and I am thrilled with the opportunity to get back in the game again and give a new generation of young men this great opportunity to receive a college education and play the game that we all love.

"Our program will help post-high school football players academically, athletically and physically while giving them an opportunity to earn a college degree and reach their goal of playing major college football."

To say Croshaw knows a little bit about coaching would be a huge understatement. During his career, he coached 36 NJCAA first-team All-Americans, had the nation's top running back nine times, and coached four NJCAA Players of the year.

Sadly, junior college football has been gradually eliminated from most states over the past 20 years. But USA Collegiate and The Coaches Team Foundation, a non-profit organization, is striving to bring JUCO football back in 2023.

USA Collegiate's mission is, with the help of local businesses and civic leaders, to provide privately funded junior college football opportunities for young men in Utah.

Players enhance the local workforce by working jobs within the community while attending school and playing football. They can earn four-year college scholarships and then enter the workforce fulltime upon the completion of their education and football careers.

"When junior colleges started shutting down their football programs, we knew it would leave hundreds of players behind in school, missing out on career choices and life opportunities," said Dave Arslanian, USA Collegiate founder and Hall of Fame football coach. "As a coach, I know first-hand how sports is a critical pathway to a better future for junior college players, many of whom are underserved. Without teams to be part of, a lot of players simply fall through the cracks and get lost."

"Through playing junior college football, 18-year-old boys who just want to play football become 20-year-old men with greater discipline, a vision of their future and are ready to work," Arslanian said.

For players who are interested in learning how to join the team and become a student-athlete in this innovative program, call (855) 554-8722. Check out the St George Eagles online at – <u>www.stgeorgeeagles.com</u>